THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Rural Sketches Of the Bawaiian Islands.

A Trip to Kaual, (Continued.) BY HOLSTEIN.

The Plantation of Hon. R. C. Wyllie. The soil is unsurpassed in richness from the accumulated washings of the mountains and the mould of perhaps centuries of luxuriant vegetation. By judicious management such a soil can never become exhausted. Mr. McGregor enters upon his herculean task to regenerate this large plantation with an energy that is fully needed, aided by extensive experience and those sound scientific principles of agriculture that cannot fail of the highest results. It was with unfeigned pleasure that I perceived the introduction of the system of making use of the trash for fertilizing the soil by underploughing, and it were well for our planters individually, and for the country at large, if our sugar planters would follow this method. so often advocated and so ably argued by the highest standard-bearers of agricultural science, Bousingault, Thaer, Liebig, Johnston, Mulder, Gray, &c. Thousands of acres of the most fertile soils, hundreds of once rich plantations in the entire range of the South of the United States of America, have been exhausted and sunk into barren wastes by injudicious farming. There are few countries where a judicious course of farming is so much needed as in this. In the far South and West of America an immense area of land is still in its pristine youth. Here we are confined to a certain extent of arable land, whose boundaries may easily be estimated and measured by chain and tapeline. If we exhaust our fertile soils by following in the track of so many who style themselves farmers, but in reality are the most wanton spendthrifts, we rob our children and coming generations of a wealth which a bountiful Providence bestowed on us to keep for them, we leave to them an inheritance of poverty and prison tasks, by leaving to them an exhausted soil, worn out acres and desolate homesteads. This is a subject that pleads not only to the head and heart of our intelligent planters for consideration, but should as well receive the attention of our legislature, if ever in that body a spirit of wisdom and patriotism should happen to enter. The product of our sugar lands far surpasses the product of most other countries. Our soils are rich in those elements that constitute the inorganic materials that are necessary to produce those enormous yields, and the climate is so congenial to the growth of the cane, that the necessary organic substances are freely offered in suitable combinations and absorbed by the open mouthed plants. In Florida a crop is estimated at 2 to 3 thousand pounds of sugar per acre. One acre of tolerable cane takes from the soil, the following substances. See U.S. P. O. Reports, 1852 :

tassium,.... 9.81 " Salphuric Acid,. 19.98

If the amount of those elements taken from one acre of cane land in Florida is already so large, what must it not be on our lands, where cane yields so enormously, and the most ignorant, by looking at [ those reliable data, cannot wonder at it when he sees the richest soils becoming exhausted by a wanton waste of the most essential elements for the production of good crops. The most profitable plan to keep up and to enrich the soil appears to me to be in letting the plough follow the cane-cutters as close as possible, to open a deep and wide furrow for the reception of the trash and the green tops; and this reminds me of the total absence on our plantations of one of the most useful implements, and one that would be highly prized by our intelligent planters, if once put in use, I mean a double mould Hall plough. Such a plough would not only open a broad and deep furrow for the reception of trash, &c., but it would be found equally useful for opening furrows for planting and for running ditches; and here let me remark, that I have seen too little attention paid to this, one of the most beneficial operations of farming, judicial ditching. The expenses and the labor in following the above method would not be augmented. It would be merely a shifting of the time of its performances; but the advantage derived from ploughing under the leaves and tops and trash in as green a state as possible, is obvious from the fact that nearly threefourths of the whole organic matter in this manner buried into the ground has been derived from the air, that by ploughing in the green matter the natural decay is much accelerated and ammonia and nitric said are to a great extent produced in the soil, and that the escape of the gases engendered by decay, is a powerful assistant to render the soil porous and ready to receive and convey the required nourishment to the roots. When it is considered that the green leaves absorb carbonic acid from the air and discharge the oxygen for the purpose of appropristing the carbon, and that sugar contains 42 per cent. of carbon, no one can doubt the advantage to generate this carbon within reach of the roots to be absorbed by them, either in a liquid state or in the form of carbonic acid, and also that the tender shoots of the rattoons will have the gases evaporating from the decaying matter ready and in abundance near their thousands of pores to receive their food, their existence, their vigor to raise that solid pyramid, the sugar stock, that shall yield its generous juice for the benefit of the planter, the laborer and the mil-

But I fear that I am becoming rather prolix in remarks that may be little interesting to your readers, and I perceive from the length of my manuscript the necessity to move on, if I intend to leave Kauai this year. The plantation above the mill is g of one week old to the adult. divided by the river, the greater part lying on the right bank. What pleases the beholder so much is the perfect level of the whole plantation, a level so b to the whole system. It will almost instantly relieve GRIPING perfect that the eye at least cannot perceive any elevations. This of course saves a large amount of the believe it the Best and Surest Remedy in the World, in all the CDACEDIC animal power and will permit the laying down of wooden railroad tracks, that will not only save labor, cattle, carts and time, but a large amount of expenses. The river being the main thoroughfare and road towards the mill, to which the cane is transported in numerous scows, affords at the same time the greater facility for a perfect system of ditching, by which the crops cannot fail to be greatly augmented. The capabilities of the plantation are so great, that I would not venture to make an estimate. I should say that before long a thousand acres will bear luxuriant cane. With a large area of land, a soil unsurpassed, a level facilitating labor, perfect drainage, a climate the most genial to ripen cane within a year, sheltered from every rude blast, the plantation of Hon. R. C. Wyllie is, to judge from my experience in many lands, without a rival. During my stay there I was favored with most pleasant weather, and it was on a beautiful morning, when the dew sparkled like glittering diamonds in the rays of the sun just rising over the hilltops, that I took my leave from beautiful Hanalei and its kind inmates, mounting higher and higher along the winding road, till at last the crest of the mountain was gained. On my trip to Koloa I enjoyed the society of a most pleasant compagnon de voyage in the person of the accomplished engineer of Princeville, Mr. Webster, and the large experience of this gentleman on sugar estates in other countries made his society valuable and instructive to me. We took a last and a long view over the gorgeous scenery of the valley and commenced our journey up hill and down hill, and up and down innumerable times. What a broken country this part of Kausi is ! The soil almost uni-

formly a hard red clay with scarcely any perceptible surface soil and mould, countless little rills and mountain streams gush through the gullies, and the water so clear, so cool and crystal like, foaming over rocks or rippling over pebbles, invites the traveler to many a halt to take a drink, not for the sake of slaking thirst but as a luxury. Our horses even appeared to be under the same influence. At every stream they were bending their necks to take a swal-

low of the "liquid crystal." The road leads for several miles through open groves of pandanus. Very few trees of other growth except the kukui are met with. The pandanus where so plentiful, lends no beauty to the scenery, but rather gives to the country an aspect of dreariness. On our left we had at intervals a view of the sea, the deep blue ocean. A few hours ride brought us to the new home of Chas. Titcomb, Esq., who with true frontier spirit has pulled stakes on one place to open " a clearing" on another. Traveling at our leisure, we accepted the hearty invitation of the " frontiersman" and spent a pleasant hour in the genial society of our host. We learned that Mr. T., has command of a plentiful supply of water and a soil capable of producing rich crops. No better judge than Mr. T. Success to him, and may many more follow his example and go to "clearing." The road from here to Mr. Bertelmann's leads over some fine tracts of land. At Mr. Bertelmann's we met with a cordial reception. We observed a few stalks of sugar cane near the house, and could not help condering that a soil so unpromising should produce such fine cane. But such is the fact. It augurs well for the future prospects of Kauai. A short distance further on the road to Anahola, hidden in a valley and fed by a plentiful stream of water, is the saw mill being erected by Mr. Bertelmann. This is an enterprise that appears to me of so much benefit to the country that it deserves more than a passing notice. Our road leads now around the nountains of

To our left the wide ocean stretches forth, to our right the peaks and ragged mountains of Anahola throw their dark shadows over the landscape, before us leads the road through a dreary and parched waste. High above, near the summit of the most rugged of all peaks, is the "hole in the wall," a round opening that in the dark mountain side looks bright and clear like an cyclop's eye, the eye of the old man of the mountain. And how long has that solitary eye looked down from its high pinnacle upon generations coming and going, upon the thousands that once enlivened the plain, upon the thousands of canoes that skimmed once over the waves of the sea, upon the thousands that were and are gone like the years and months and days to return never more, till now it looks over a waste, dreary, barren and desolate. Scarcely a sound disturbs the dead silence. A herd of sheep whose wooly coats are reddened by the blowing dust, crop amongst the blackened stones; their dismal bleatings the only sound of life. But those very sheep that bleat so dolefully are fat, immensely fat. Down hill again we go, and before us lies the thriving seaport town of Anahola, consisting of a dozen huts, 8 or 10 acres of kalo land, 2 trees and a reed grown swamp as centrepiece to a dreary land or rather mud puddle scape. We climb again upwards to a level plateau, and the road leads over fine pasture land and through groves of fine timber to the residence of E. Krull, Esq., where we alight, meet with a friendly welcome and close our first day's journey. (To be Continued.)

NEW YORK, November 1 .- The following is additional news by the Santiago : On the 4th of October the Spanish garrison was reduced to 1,500 by the departure of the greater part from San Domingo. The same day 600 Spaniards sallied out from the fort, and after a severe fight drove the Dominicans from the town. The Spaniards were assisted by the guns of the fort, which set fire to the town. The fire continued till the departure of the Santiago, destroying, amongst other valuable stores, those of a considerable body of foreign merchants. In fact the whole town, except the Wesleyan Mission House and a row of small buildings, was burned, and it was believed that the rest of the town would be destroyed. The loss by the two fires, at Santiago and Port au Platt, will reach \$5,000,000. The whole population of the latter place had fled to foreign countries, and thousands had gone to the neighboring island. Some of the principal merchants were leaving for the United States. None saved aught but their lives. Another account, from the Turk's Island Standard says : In the battle the Spaniards were badly beaten and driven back to the fort with loss of 450 men. A brisk fire from the fort compelled the Dominicans to leave the town. But few American or British official residences remain. The Catholic churches were among the houses burned. The Spanish soldiers were seen going about with firebrands in their hands when the fight was progressing. Report said that the Spaniards would soon evacuate the fort as they cannot retain it against the Dominicans, who number 4,000 in the neighborhood. Report also says that the whole south side of the island is an actual rebellion, and that the Dominicans, who are reported to have joined Santa Anna, had deserted him. The American, British and other Consuls had arrived at Grand Turk Island.

## Russia and Poland.

The reply of Prince Gortschakoff to the French and Austrian notes on the Polish question has been published, together with accompanying memoranda. These replies manifest the same firm tone as that addressed to England. Relative to the allusion made by M. Drouyn de Lhuys to the Western Provinces of Russia, as participating in the international stipula-tions which settled in 1815 the destiny of Warsaw, Prince Gortschakoff- maintains that the Imperial Cabinet cannot admit that point of view, even in the most restricted manner. Russia will not admit the right of Europe to interfere in her internal affairs. It is said that Count Rechberg, the Austrian minister, has advised that no response be made to Prince Gortschakoff's dispatch, but that the three great Powers now await further action on the part of the Russian Government toward the Poles.

The Paris Moniteur has reproduced the letter from Warsaw of Aug. 15, addressed by the Polish National Government to Prince Czartovisky, claiming belligerant rights, and its publication in the French official organ is considered by English and continental journals as equivalent to an unofficial recognition by Napoleon of the Polish National Government. Russia was actively engaged in warlike preparations. The Russian Emperor, in a speech, had promised reforms and extended privileges. Eleven iron plated gunboats, with turrets, will be completed by spring.

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## Late Telegrams.

The Revolt in Bragg's Army.

New York, October 29 .- A Chattanooga letter to the Herald says: Deserters continue to come into our lines notwithstanding the measures taken by Bragg to prevent them. Nine men and one commis sioned officer came in yesterday. The officer, who i ntelligent and apparently honest, told a tale which is theering and inspiring to all good Union men, and which corroborates previous information. He says a full brigade of Tennesseeans, with their general at their head, attempted to come through to our lines in a body one day last week, and that one division of staunch rebels was called out to prevent them. A fight of the most sanguinary character ensued, in which artillery and musketry, were used for three or our hours, resulting in the overpowering of the disntented Tennesseeans, after some 800 had been aughtered on both sides. The sound of cannon was listinctly heard in our camps at the time, but nobody could explain the phenomenon of a brisk fire so close the enemy's rear. The officer says the matter was jushed up, and has since been kept so quiet that the xtreme of Bragg's army know nothing definite about Bragg's distrust of his Tennessee and Georgia cops is, perhaps, an explanation of his delay in at-From Virginia.

FORTRESS MONROE, October 29 .- The Richmond Enquirer of the 27th says : Quite a severe cavalry ight is reported to have taken place at Brandy Staion, on Sunday, in which the enemy were defeated and driven back five miles from there. We have no

The same paper says the condition of the currency as become so alarming that its importance has risen even above the excitement of military movements. from every quarter in the Confederacy, schemes, expedients and remedies are daily scattered broadcast ver the country, and suggestions of every character and description are urged. One thing is certainhe present financial management is an absolute failire, rendered so not by Mr. Memmenger, but by the people themselves. The funding scheme of Memnenger could succeed only by the cooperation of the copie by their coming forward and continuing to convert the currency into bonds. It is not necessary to inquire into the reasons why the people have failed. he fact that they have not and will not voluntarily and the currency is an important matter for legis-

lative consideration. New York, October 30 .- The Richmond Whig of he 26th says: Commissioner Ould has returned om an interview with the Yankee Commissioner. Meredith, who intimated that he had no power to negotiate for the further exchange of prisoners, and hat Secretary Stanton was always opposed to any exchange of prisoners during the war, and his policy is now the policy of the Government. This will probably be the last interview, unless a desire for its renewal comes from the other side.

Attempted Revolt in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, November 2.-An extraordinary case f treason recently came to light, implicating several persons in this city, Columbus, Covington and Newport, in the conspiracy to release the rebel prisoners at Camp Chase and overthrow the State Government. The plot, as described to the detectives, was that an attack was to be made on Camp Chase to release the prisoners confined there, numbering 3,500; seize the arsenal at Columbus, take possession of the Penitentary, release John Morgan and the other officers

CHICAGO, November 3 .- In regard to the plot for he release of rebel prisoners at Camp Chase the Cincinnati Gazette says: The plot has been brewing for many months past, and was only discovered by the continual watchful vigilance of detectives. The plan which had been concerted was nearly as follows: On a certain night, which had not been definitely fixed, sufficient number of the conspirators were to asemble in the vicinity of Camp Chase, and at a given signal were to overpower the guard, which was far from being a strong one. At the same time the prioners, who were to be apprised of what was going n, and who number about 4,000, were to make a rush from the inside, and thus secure their freedom. Having armed themselves with the weapons of the guard, they were then to march on Columbus, led by atheart, and seize the arsenal, furnishing themselves completely with United States arms stored there. Thence their next attack was to be on the Penitentiary for the release of John Morgan and his men, by whom the rebel army in Ohio was to be officered. Then the rebel campaign in Ohio was to be commenced, and the first proceedings on the part of he traitors was to be the cutting of the telegraph wires and the burning of the railroad bridges in or-der to prevent the arrival of national troops. The parties involved in the matter are very numerous and may be found in almost every part of the State, some of them occupying positions under the United States and State Governments.

Mississippi River. The Tribune's special Washington dispatch says hat a gentleman recently from Vicksburg says that the Mississippi river has been unusually low. Only gunboats of light draft can navigate the stream. The langers to navigation from the snags are increased

by the presence of guerrillas, and almost every vessel passing has received volleys at several points. A umber of boats have been destroyed. The guerrilas' plan is to pick off the pilots, when the boats beome unmanageable, run ashore, and are then atacked, rifled and destroyed, the passengers being left on the bank to go whithersoever they can. The navigation of the river is likely to be seriously affected in this manner, as no convoys can be sent with

Charleston. A Folly Island letter of the 29th, to the Herald,

peaking of reopening the bombardment on Sumter. says: From all our sources of information we judge the intention of the enemy to be the occupation of the battered walls of Sumter with a sand battery similar Wagner, but unlike that work, secure from approach by sap or parallel. The present purpose of Gen. Gilmore, it is believed, is to prevent the con summation of Beauregard's plans, and in necessity o level the foundations of Sumter to the water's edge Moultrie and Johnson have so far directed their shots against battery Gregg, but the accuracy of their fire s entirely destroyed by the guns which we have rained upon them. On Tuesday five of our heavy rifled guns, between Gregg and Wagner, were directed at the spire of St. Nicholas's Church in Charles ton, and at least three shells exploded in the city. Whether they were successful in accomplishing any damage is as yet unknown. The general belief is hat our batteries will succeed in atterly destroying Sumter, and driving the rebel soldiers from its dimin shed garrison. Deserters from the enemy now acknowledge a fear among the rebel soldiery that we will yet get into the city. Those who closely watched Fort Sumter on Monday morning, say a steamer took rom it to the city a large number of troops immeditely after our batteries opened upon it.

WASHINGTON, October 30 .- Lookout Mountain was taken on the 28th by our troops under Gen. Hooker, with the Eleventh Corps and a portion of the Twelfth, and Palmer's division of the Fourth Corps. No serious opposition was made. The Tennessee river is new open to Chattanooga, and the Army of the Cumberland is relieved from any danger threatened by sterrupted communication.

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## European.

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The sovereigns before whom Patti sung at Frankfort were not gallant enough to fling her a bouquet. Garrotting has been revived in London, and there s talk of an increase of the police force in conse-

A baby-prize for the best set of twins is to be awarded at the next horticultural exhibition at Bristol, England.

A hundred and fifty llamas and alpacas are to be turned into an inclosure in the Bois de Boulogne. They have been sent as a present from the President of the Republic of Peru.

Bull fighting seems to be thoroughly implanted in France, and the French show even more daring, and perhaps more ferocity, than the Spaniards, in this bloody and brutal sport.

An ancient born, said to be the gift of King Alfred, is still blown every night at Ripon, England, at the hour of nine. The maintenance of the city charter depends upon keeping up this antique cus-

Three English "gentlemen," who were concerned in an aggravated case of women-flogging, have been obliged to seek refuge on the continent. One is said to be the nephew of a Duke, and another of still

A young man at St. Servan, who was engaged to

ride as a jockey at the races of Dinan, subjected himself to so severe a course of training in order to reduce his weight, that he was found dead in the stable, apparently from starvation.

A young lady of Aberytwith has been blown over the cliffs into the sea, and, thanks to her crinoline. she alighted safely on the sands, after her aerial voyage, more frightened than hurt. The effect of the descent on the crinoline is described as the spreading of the spanker boom sheet.

Maximilian could organize a formidable army, it is said, with the place-hunters eager for appointments in the new empire. Thousands of applications have been made from all parts of the world ; and it would require the combined fleets of France and England to convey to Mexico all the parties who

Confiscation seems to be the order of the day in France as well as in America. M. Fould intends to replenish the funds by confiscating certain convents which did not begin business in a correct way at first, albeit long estal lished. The nuns are to seek secular ways, which means, perhaps, to look out for suitable partners for life.

MAJESTY OF LAW .- Frederick the Great, a century ago, wished to enlarge his possessions and his palace. A certain mill obscured the view, and he offered the Prussian a fair price for it. He refusel to sell it, because it was a paternal estate. Frederick then ordered the mill torn down, which was done. The miller stood calmly by, saying that he would abide by the law. He must obey his sovereign, but the law did not compel him to sell his mill till he chose. He appealed to the courts, and the courts decided that Frederick should rebuild the mill. This he cheerfully did, thanking God that he had a court not influenced by imperial fear or favor Twenty years ago the present owner of the mill became involved and offered to sell it to Frederick William, the succonfined there, and then was to be commenced a re- cessor of Frederick the Great. The sovereign refused buy, but freely gave him \$6000, saying that the mill must stand as a monument of the triumph of law, and Prussia stands to-day as a constant monument of the majesty of law. It is not beneath the dignity even of an Emperor to be submissive to law.

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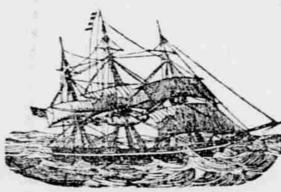
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